



# Chevy Chase Village

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*Tentative Agenda*  
*Board of Managers' Meeting*  
*Chevy Chase Village Hall*  
*Monday, May 8, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.*

**Approval of Previous Minutes**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Committee Reports**  
**Appeals**  
1 Quincy Street  
6301 Broad Branch Road  
5600 Western Avenue  
**Old Business**  
**New Business**  
**Chairman's Report**  
**Manager's Report**  
**Police Report**  
**Building Permits/Code Enforcement**

**Mark Your Calendar and**  
**See the Enclosed Flyers**

**Hall Rental Summary Sheet**  
**Fun in the Park:** Saturday, May 13 and 20, 2006  
**Spring Concert:** Friday, June 2, 2006

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### **Annual Meeting Notes**

The 92nd Annual Meeting of Chevy Chase Village was held on Monday, April 17, 2006. This was an opportunity for Village residents to visit with their neighbors and to receive an update on activities within and around the Village.

The meeting was called to order by exiting Board Chair, George Kinter, who presented the State of the Village report. A synopsis of his report appears on page 2 of this issue of the *Crier*.

County Council members Howard Denis and Steven Silverman along with State Delegates Jane Lawton and Richard Madaleno, Jr. were in attendance. Delegates Lawton and Madaleno updated residents on the progress of recent issues affecting the community (see articles, "Ride-On Bus Route Proposal—Terminated" on page 3 and "Mansionization and McMansions" on page 4 of this issue of the *Crier*).

Two resolutions were unanimously approved by the Board of Managers: one approving the budget as presented and the other levying a tax on certain real and personal property under provisions of Section 6-203 of the Tax Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Committee Chairs provided updates on their respective activities during the past year. Committee reports appear on page 2.

The Board of Managers took the time to recognize the tireless efforts of Julie Davis as she prepares to leave the Village. The Public Safety Committee acknowledged the efforts of long-time members Lawrence C. Heilman and John Howe. Having accepted a position with the Homeland Security Administration, Police Officer Margot Hawkins-Green was acknowledged and presented with a token of the Board, staff and Public Safety Committee's thanks for 13 years of service to the Village.

Burt Schorr, Chair of the Nominating Committee, gave his report and noted that four candidates had expressed interest in running for three seats on the Board of Managers. Upon subsequent withdrawal by one of the candidates Susie Eig, Robert L. Jones and Betsy Stephens were deemed elected to the Board of Managers.

The Village wishes to extend special thanks to the Garden Club of Chevy Chase, and especially members Alice Kinter and Anne McCloskey, both of Hesketh Street, for providing beautiful flower arrangements for the evening. All flower arrangements came from properties and parks within the Village and were a wonderful addition to the meeting.

**Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers' Meeting, 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall**  
**Telephone: 301-654-7300, Fax: 301-907-9721, E-mail: [ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov), Website: [www.ccvillage.org](http://www.ccvillage.org)**

# In The Village

## State of the Village

Exiting Chair, George L. Kinter, summarized the year's events as follows:

- ♦ Montgomery County finally completed the long-delayed Primrose Street storm water project in Newlands Park. The plantings and grass have been restored in the Park and nearby residents should no longer have to endure flooded basements.
- ♦ A new Working Group with substantial Board and resident participation is actively seeking acceptable ways to improve pedestrian safety along Brookville Road. It has commissioned a professional engineering survey of the entire roadway from Bradley Lane to Western Avenue to help identify areas where a walkway might be placed as well as areas that present problems. (Copies of the survey results are available for review in the Village office.)
- ♦ The redevelopment of Chevy Chase Center is nearing completion. *Giant* and the remaining neighborhood stores are now expected to open in early July. The long wall of the *Giant* store along Western Avenue will have vines growing up the steel lattice.
- ♦ The Village Manager worked closely with the DC government and its contractors during the now-completed restoration of Western Avenue to the east of Chevy Chase Circle. The district was cooperative in addressing the Village's concerns about driveway aprons and retaining walls. The contractors even added a new section of sidewalk per the Village's request opposite the Blessed Sacrament Church that was not part of the original plan.
- ♦ Functionality on the Village website has been increased to allow residents who log-in to view the Resident Directory and *Crier*, as well as request Village services including House Checks, special pick-ups, etc. The site is also now capable of accepting fee payments using *PayPal*.
- ♦ In response to requests from the Board, staff has been reviewing Village codes in an effort to make the permitting process less burdensome to residents.
- ♦ The Village is now a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program satisfying *Fannie Mae Foundation* requirements for mortgages it will re-purchase.
- ♦ Mr. Kinter concluded by thanking fellow Board members, staff and neighbors for their support over the past 10 years.

## Committee/Commission Report Highlights from the Annual Meeting

**Audit:** Chair, Carol L. McGarry stated that the Village's fiscal position is sound. A clean audit report was received for the fiscal year ended 6/30/2005.

**Building Facilities:** Chair, Mary Anne Tuohey highlighted events sponsored by the Commission over the past year and those proposed for the upcoming year. She outlined the various modifications the Commission has made to the regulations for rental of the Hall and the conversion of the old administrative offices into a small conference room. Ms. Tuohey thanked staff liaison, Doris Lysterly, for her continued support of the Commission and coordination with residents, teachers and students in their use of the Hall.

**Children, Youth & Families:** Co-Chairs, Amy Cooper and Karen Spangler noted the various events offered over the previous year, and outlined new activities proposed for the coming year. They stated that their Committee continues to seek ideas and volunteers for future events.

**Ethics:** Chair, Reid Thompson stated that there had been no ethics scandals/violations nor were any anticipated.

**Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) LAP:** Gail Feldman stated that the Panel continues to review residents' applications to HPC to ensure proper administration.

**Investment:** Chair, Gail S. Feldman stated that investments continue to provide a modest boost to reserves.

**Parks:** Chair, Alice Kinter thanked Director of Public Works Jerry Lesesne and his staff for the installation of a new fence and bench in the Brookville Road Park; a brick sidewalk along West Lenox Street next to the post office; a Rain Garden, plantings and irrigation system in the Buffer Park; new trash cans throughout the Village; and a new bench and trash can for the porch at the Laurel Park entrance to the Village Hall.

**Personnel:** Chair, Charles Sherman stated that the Commission continues to monitor the personnel structure and its compensation.

**Public Safety:** Chair, Saul Goodman and Police Sergeant Adventino Dasilva reported on crime statistics and areas the department will continue to address in the coming year.

**Public Works:** Chair, George Kinter outlined the varying activities undertaken by the Department during the previous year, and stated that the Department's staff will be called upon for more specialized projects in the future. The Department welcomes a new full-time employee in John Huffstetler, as the Committee welcomes new Chair, Bob Wilson.

**Tree:** Chair, Robert Elliott advised that, thus far, 31 trees were proposed for planting in Village parks and public rights-of-way for this spring.

# In The Village

## Rent the Village Hall For Your Next Event

The Village Hall is the perfect setting for your next meeting or party and is available to all Village residents. Our two large rooms are available for:



- birthday parties,
- sweet 16 parties,
- weddings and wedding receptions,
- anniversary parties,
- graduation parties,
- bar and bat mitzvah receptions,
- business/organization meetings, and
- any event you can think of! There is even a small room to hold smaller children's birthday parties for a reduced rate.

The rates for rental of the two larger rooms are reduced for children's (ages 12 and under) parties. The Village Hall is sure to enhance your event. Please contact Doris Lyerly in the Village office for additional information and to reserve your date.

## Committee on Children, Youth and Families

Come join us for some fun in the park! Come play games and meet your friends at the Oliver Street Park (corner of Oliver Street and Kirkside Drive) from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 13th and Saturday, May 20th. Sponsored by the Committee on Children, Youth and Families. For questions, please contact Karen Spangler (301-215-9064) [kareenspangler@comcast.net](mailto:kareenspangler@comcast.net) or Amy Cooper (301-215-6987) [acbelle@aol.com](mailto:acbelle@aol.com).

The visit from the Mad Scientist on Sunday, April 23rd was a spell-binding success. Twenty-three kids turned up to experience fireworks, diaper magic, smoking potions and other scientific fun. Thank you Amy Cooper of CYF for organizing this great event.

As you tend to your spring cleaning this year, please consider donating games/toys to CYF for use at Parents' Night Out, Game Night, Toddler Group and other events. Please bring your donations to the Village Hall or contact Amy Cooper or Karen Spangler. You may also contact Ms. Cooper and Ms. Spangler if you are interested in volunteering for future CYF events and with ideas for new activities.

## Ride-On Bus Route Proposal—Terminated

Maryland State Delegate, Jane E. Lawton attended the Village's Annual Meeting on April 17 and confirmed that the proposal from the Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation to shift Ride-On's #1 bus route from Connecticut Avenue to Brookville Road has been successfully terminated.

While the State Highway Administration (SHA) has not finalized how it will remedy the current hazardous situation for buses entering southbound Connecticut Avenue from westbound Leland Street, they are actively pursuing the installation of a bus-activated/triggered light to control the existing pedestrian light on Connecticut Avenue between Woodbine and Leland Streets. Regardless of the final remedy selected, SHA has stated that transferring the service to Brookville Road is no longer an option on the table.

Thanks to the Montgomery County Council, District 18 MD General Assembly delegates, the Village Board and residents for bringing this issue to a positive end.

## Building Facilities Commission

The Building Facilities Commission meets the second Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Village Hall. Their next meeting will be held on May 8. All residents are invited to attend.

At its April 3 meeting, the Commission finalized a Hall Rental summary sheet which is enclosed in this issue of the *Crier*. The Commission changed the reservation policy to require payment of the reservation fee before a date will be held. A monitor will now be required for events with 100 or more guests and at the Commission's discretion. While selected by the Commission, the monitor is hired at the renter's expense. Residents should contact Doris Lyerly in the Village office with questions regarding the rental regulations and policies.

## Toddler Group

The weekly Toddler Group meets on Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the Village Hall. With the warm weather, the fun is often moved outside! All Village parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding the Toddlers' Group, please contact Elizabeth Bausch at (301) 656-5643.

# In The Village

## Board Actions - April 3, 2006 Board of Managers' Meeting

**Minutes:** March 13, 2006 Meeting: Approved.

**Building Facilities Commission:** (See page 3.)

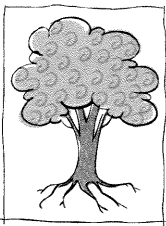
**Brookville Road Working Group:** Copies of the engineering study of the roadway were circulated to the Board prior to the meeting for their review. The Group asked the Board to approve its mission statement which would allow them to proceed with investigating potential safety projects with the State Highway Administration. The Board suggested changes to the mission statement.

**Appeals: A-5069, 26 Oxford Street**—Replacement of a fence measuring six and one-half (6 1/2) feet in height along the south property line between the front (Brookville Road) property line and the twenty-five foot (25') front building restriction line—Approved.

**A-5070, 4 West Melrose Street**—Replacement and extension of a fence measuring six and one-half (6 1/2) feet in height on top of an existing retaining wall measuring three and one-half (3 1/2) feet in height with a proposed total maximum height not to exceed ten (10) feet along the west property line—Approved.

**A-1541, 105 Oxford Street**—Removal of one Black Walnut tree measuring 34.0 inches in diameter located in the rear yard of the property—Denied. **A-1542, 5414 Center Street**—Removal of one Nellie Stevens Holly tree measuring 12.0 inches in diameter located in the rear yard of the property—Approved.

**Old Business: Resolution No. 04-03-06:** An ordinance to amend the Village Procurement Code to increase to \$15,000.00 the amount over which competitive sealed bidding is the preferred method of procurement and to authorize open market purchases and sales up to \$15,000.00—Approved.



## Spring 2006 Tree Plantings

The Village's Public Works Department will begin planting trees in the public rights-of-way beginning the week of Monday, May 1.

If you have a Village tree that has been planted within the past year and it has stakes supporting it, once the tree is a year old the stakes may be removed.

## Chevy Chase Center Update

The redevelopment project is finally nearing completion. *Giant* and the other community stores are scheduled to open around early July. Hopefully, there will be no more delays.

Wisconsin Circle is planned to reopen for two-way traffic around May 15.



## Third Annual Art Show a Success

On Sunday, April 2, the fourth annual Village Art Show and Reception took place in the Village Hall. Special thanks to Sally Troyer, Marie Martin, Marilyn Montgomery and Jay Treadwell for curating and organizing this much loved event.

Art work will remain up through Saturday, May 6. If you haven't already (and even if you have), make a point to visit the Hall and see the art work of your fellow residents! Artists may retrieve their pieces anytime after May 6.

## "Mansionization" and "McMansions"

Maryland State Delegate, Richard Stuart Madaleno, Jr. attended the Village's Annual Meeting on April 17 and advised that the General Assembly, House of Delegates and Senate unanimously approved a bill allowing incorporated towns in southern Montgomery County to set standards for how tall and wide single-family homes could be constructed.

If the bill is signed by Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., the municipalities will have expanded powers to limit "mansionization" and "McMansions". Should they assume this regulatory authority, officials in these lower-County municipalities will be able to set building standards that are more strict than the County's and will have the power to enforce them with their own staffs and resources.

Towns in central and northern Montgomery County, such as Rockville, Poolesville and Gaithersburg, have had authority over land use for years. Municipalities in the southern half of the County would now have the same status.

Delegate Madaleno applauded the efforts of Delegate Jane E. Lawton, without whom he did not feel this initiative would have survived.

# Police Beat—Chevy Chase Village

To e-mail Police Chief Roy Gordon: [roy.gordon@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:roy.gordon@montgomerycountymd.gov)

## Residential Burglary Prevention

In response to the recent burglaries to homes in the Chevy Chase area, I offer you these valuable burglary prevention tips from a variety of sources and experts. As of this writing, there have been no further developments in the home invasion robbery that occurred in Section 5 of Chevy Chase. One suspect and his girlfriend were apprehended. Allegedly, there are more suspects. At the end of this column are several questions you can ask that may help you determine how safe your home is from being burglarized.

Check Exterior Doors. All outside doors should be constructed of metal or solid wood. Double doors need solid security as they can easily be pried or forced opened. Flush lever bolts installed at the top and bottom of the doors are recommended. Make sure the bolt is long, sturdy and mounted into a solid door frame.

Doors with glass windows or glass ornamentation require double key deadbolt locks. This prevents the burglar from breaking the glass and reaching inside to unlock the door. A good rule of thumb for doors with glass is if the lock is within 36 inches of any glass; use a double key deadbolt locking mechanism.

Sliding glass doors for the most part have flimsy locks that are easily defeated. Additional locks and security measures will prevent the door from being lifted out of the track or opened. Screws installed in the track above the sliding door frame will prevent the lifting out of the door. Consider placing a piece of lumber or broom stick in the lower track to prevent the door from sliding open. "Charlie bars" are made of aluminum and sold at hardware stores. These bars are designed to be placed waist high again to prevent the door from sliding.

Garage door standard locks are easily pried, allowing a burglar access to your home without detection. Cane bolts and hasps are excellent protection. Make certain that each side of the garage door is secured to prevent prying open a crawl space. The door leading from the garage into the house should be securely locked.

Door Viewers. Install a door viewer to avoid opening your door without knowing who is on the other side of the door. This device has a wide angle lens to let you see someone standing outside your door without having to open it.

Deadbolt Locks. A deadbolt lock can provide good protection. When you turn the key, the lock mechanism slides a strong metal bolt from the door into the frame.

When buying a deadbolt lock, make sure:

- The bolt extends at least one inch from the edge of the door.
- The connecting screws that hold the lock together are on the inside of the door.
- The strike plate is attached to the door frame with screws that measure at least three inches in length. The cylinder has a steel guard around the key section. The cylinder guard should be tapered or rotate freely around the key section to prevent wrenching if twisted.

Single Cylinder Deadbolt. A solid bolt is activated by a key from the outside or a knob on the inside and slides into the frame. The lock cannot be slipped or easily pried. Deadbolt locks are only as good as the door and frame they are installed into.

Double Cylinder Deadbolt. This lock is essentially the same as the single cylinder deadbolt except that it requires a key to be used from either side in order to function.

Rim Lock. This lock has either horizontal or vertical deadbolts. It can not be easily slipped, pried or forced with a wrench. This lock like others requires a strong mounting surface and hardware to be effective.

Padlocks. Do not economize when selecting padlocks to secure your garage door, storage shed, fence gate or tool box. Low priced locks are made from low quality materials and are easily pried open or cut with bolt cutters. Look for these features when purchasing a padlock:

- Double locking shackle at the toe and heel.
- Hardened steel shackle and the larger the diameter the better.
- Five pin tumbler.
- Key retaining feature (prevents removal of the key when unlocked).
- A strong steel hasp should be used with the padlock.

Check the Outside of Your Home. Install outside lights and keep them on at night especially at door entry points. Motion-detector lights are particularly effective. Keep your yard clean and prune shrubbery so it does not hide windows or doors.

When you travel and will be gone for more than 24 hours, contact the Village Communications Center, (301) 654-7300 and request a House Check; cancel newspaper deliveries and, if possible, have your mailed held by the Postal Service.

Alarm Systems. Make full use of your alarm systems. If you are working out in the garden, activate the system. When you are going to bed, assuming you do not have motion detectors on the upper levels, activate the system. Your alarm system may be your first line of defense against home invasion or burglary.

# Community News



## Chevy Chase Community Library May 2006

The Chevy Chase Library is located at 8005 Connecticut Avenue. All programs are free. For further information or for reservations, contact the library at (240) 773-9590.

**Great Books Discussion Group:** Wednesday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m.: THE KORAN.

**Toddler Time:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 2, 4, 9, 11: Ages 18-36 months. Each program will be given twice (10:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) on each day and Tuesday's program is repeated on Thursday. Free tickets are distributed prior to the program.

**Born to Read:** Saturday, May 20 at 9:30 a.m.: Introduce your child (newborn to 18 months) to the joy of language and books with this program featuring rhymes, songs, bounces, movement and short stories.

**Preschool Storytime:** Monday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m.: Stories, rhymes and other activities. Come in pajamas, if you like. For ages 3 to 6.

## New Law Affecting Tree Contractors

A bill passed by the Maryland General Assembly, effective October 1, 2005, requires all tree experts to be licensed through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to **prune** and **remove** trees within the State. This law applies within the Village and is already being enforced.

The Village's Tree Removal Permit Application will now require the tree contractor's name, phone number and DNR license number. Permit applications will not be issued if the contractor has not been selected.

Village officers will also be verifying licensing for any crews seen pruning trees on private property. Any crews witnessed pruning without valid licensing will receive a State citation and fine, and will be escorted out of the Village.

For more information regarding this new regulation or to verify licensing for a desired tree contractor, please visit the DNR website at [www.dnr.state.md.us](http://www.dnr.state.md.us) or call them at (877) 620-8DNR. For questions regarding the law's application within the Village, please contact the Village office.

## REMINDERS

- Notify the Village office if you have a medical requirement for emergency services so we may alert utility companies working in the Village.
- Having your house number painted on the curb in front of your property is prohibited by Section 12-5 of the Village Code. Contractors painting on the Village curbs will be issued a municipal citation by the Village Police.
- Pursuant to Village Code Section 8-10, dumpster use requires a permit. Please remind your contractor that a permit must be received from the Village Office prior to placing a dumpster on private property. Dumpsters are prohibited on public property, including Village streets at ALL times. Dumpster switch-outs are prohibited in the Village's public right-of-way, including roadways.
- Contact the Village office prior to removing trees on private property or beginning any home improvement projects to discuss permit requirements.
- Grey recycle bin lids are available from the Communications Center. Please make sure your recycle bins are placed in an easily accessible location. If recycling haulers cannot find the bins, collection of recyclables may be hampered.
- Free "No Solicitors" stickers are available in the Village Office for residents wishing to put them in a window near the front door to their home. The sticker is in addition to the list maintained by Communications.
- Residents are encouraged to use the Community Bulletin Board, located in the Village Hall, for notices or advertisements, which must be approved by Village staff prior to posting.
- Please remind your landscaping and home improvement contractors that work is not permitted prior to 8:00 a.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. on weekends.



## MVA on Wheels

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration's mobile service will be at the Friendship Heights Village Center on Monday, May 22, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In addition to license renewals, motorists may drop off old tags and avail themselves of several other services. For schedule or additional information, visit the MVA website at: [www.mva.state.md.us/location/montcty.htm](http://www.mva.state.md.us/location/montcty.htm) or by phone at 1 (800) 950-1682, ext 2.



## Public Works Department/Trash Schedule

While several Village residents have called to compliment the Unity staff for a job well done, your input is important when we evaluate our contracted services. Please report missed services to the Communications Center at (301) 654-7300. Please leave your gates unlocked so the Unity staff can enter your property to collect your refuse and recycling.

Special pickups are made on Wednesdays. Residents must submit their request either by phone or via the Village website by 2 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure pick up.

### Cardboard Box Collection

Flattened boxes that are approximately less than the size of a 13" television set, should be placed with your paper recycling. Five or more flattened boxes should be bundled when left for recycling. Please notify the Communications Center if they are not collected.

If you have a large amount or large-sized boxes, please request a Special Pick Up (SPU, see above article) to ensure collection. Cardboard boxes collected by SPU, are placed in the paper compactor located in the Public Works Yard and are recycled.

**Chevy Chase Village**  
**5906 Connecticut Avenue**  
**Chevy Chase, MD 20815**

## Rent the Village Hall for Your Next Event!

(See the enclosed Summary  
Sheet for More Information.)

## Building Permits Issued by the Village Manager April 2006

7 Primrose St.....1-story rear addition  
1 Quincy St.....Replace 6 1/2' high fence along the east property line  
3 Magnolia Pkwy.....Replace 6' high fence along rear property line  
5406 Grove St.....Driveway repairs to address drainage issues  
121 Primrose St....Landscaping and installation of a small hedge in ROW  
5600 Western Ave.....Porch repairs, replace walkway  
25 W. Irving St.....Patio, fence in rear, remove pergola, landscaping  
1 W. Irving St.....Replace concrete curbs along either side of driveway  
3925 Oliver St.....Install a 6'-6" high fence to enclose rear yard  
5605 Montgomery St....Install 6'-6" high fence along west property line  
5607 Montgomery St.....PVC pipes to drain downspouts/sump pump

### Appeal & Crier Deadlines

The appeal deadline for the June 12, 2006 Board of Managers meeting is close of business on Tuesday, May 30, 2006.

The deadline to submit articles for the June 2006 issue of the *Crier* is close of business on Tuesday, May 30, 2006.

**Remember to request a House Check from the  
Communications Center before you leave town.**

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